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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type: national stage of PCT.

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Flattened Helical Tire Cord

the specification of which was filed on 7 April 2003 (07.04.03) as PCT International Application Number PCT/US03/10824.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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No such applications exist.

I hereby claim the benefit of U.S. Application No. 10/118,264 filed on 8 April 2002 (08.04.02).

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